

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-33 (cancelled)

Claim 34 (new): A nipple for feeding a baby comprising:

a stem having an orifice, a proximal end and a distal end, said stem being inwardly tapered toward said distal end;

an areola region being connected to said proximal end of said stem; and

a bulbous region being connected to said areola region and surrounding said areola region, wherein said areola region is substantially concentrically aligned with said bulbous region when viewed in a top view, and wherein said proximal end of said stem has opposing sides with inwardly concave shapes when viewed in a front view.

Claim 35 (new): The nipple of claim 34, wherein said areola region and said proximal end of said stem are connected along an inwardly concave surface.

Claim 36 (new): The nipple of claim 35, wherein said inwardly concave surface is substantially smooth.

Claim 37 (new): The nipple of claim 34, wherein said bulbous region has an outwardly convex shape.

Claim 38 (new): The nipple of claim 34, wherein said areola region has an outwardly convex shape.

Claim 39 (new): The nipple of claim 34, further comprising an annular edge disposed between said areola region and said bulbous region.

Claim 40 (new): The nipple of claim 39, wherein the nipple has only one edge which is said annular edge.

Claim 41 (new): The nipple of claim 34, wherein said areola region has a radius of curvature of between about 5 mm to about 10 mm.

Claim 42 (new): The nipple of claim 34, wherein said bulbous region has a radius of curvature of between about 10 mm to about 19 mm.

Claim 43 (new): The nipple of claim 34, further comprising a flange extending outwardly from said bulbous region, said flange having an annular channel formed therein.

Claim 44 (new): The nipple of claim 34, wherein said stem has a length of about 16 mm to about 26 mm.

Claim 45 (new): A nipple for feeding a baby comprising:

a stem having an orifice, a proximal end and a distal end, said stem being inwardly tapered toward said distal end; and
a base having an areola region and a bulbous region, said base being connected to said proximal end of said stem, said

areola region being disposed between said proximal end of said stem and said bulbous region, wherein said areola region is substantially concentrically aligned with said bulbous region when viewed in a top view, and wherein said base has only two portions which are said areola region and said bulbous region.

Claim 46 (new): The nipple of claim 45, wherein said proximal end of said stem is connected to said base along an inwardly concave surface.

Claim 47 (new): The nipple of claim 46, wherein said inwardly concave surface is substantially smooth.

Claim 48 (new): The nipple of claim 45, wherein said areola region has an outwardly convex shape.

Claim 49 (new): The nipple of claim 45, wherein said areola region has a radius of curvature of about 5 mm to about 10 mm.

Claim 50 (new): The nipple of claim 45, wherein said bulbous region has an outwardly convex shape.

Claim 51 (new): The nipple of claim 45, wherein said bulbous region has a radius of curvature of about 10 mm to about 19 mm.

Claim 52 (new): The nipple of claim 45, further comprising a flange extending outwardly from said bulbous region, said flange having an annular channel formed therein.

Claim 53 (new): The nipple of claim 45, wherein said stem has a length of about 16 mm to about 26 mm.

Claim 54 (new): The nipple of claim 45, wherein said proximal end of said stem has opposing sides with inwardly concave shapes when viewed in a front view.

Claim 55 (new): The nipple of claim 45, further comprising an annular edge disposed between said areola region and said bulbous region.

Claim 56 (new): The nipple of claim 55, wherein the nipple has only one edge which is said annular edge.

Claim 57 (new): A nipple for feeding of a baby comprising:

a stem having an orifice, a proximal end and a distal end, said stem being inwardly tapered toward said distal end;

an areola region being connected to said stem, said areola region having a first radius of curvature, said areola region and said proximal end of said stem being connected to form an inwardly smooth concave surface; and

a bulbous region being connected to said areola region and surrounding said areola region, said bulbous region having a second radius of curvature, wherein said areola region is substantially concentrically aligned with said bulbous region when viewed in a top view, and wherein said first radius of curvature is different from said second radius of curvature.

Claim 58 (new): The nipple of claim 57, wherein said first radius of curvature is substantially less than said second radius of curvature.

Claim 59 (new): The nipple of claim 57, wherein said first

radius of curvature is between about 5 mm to about 10 mm, and wherein said second radius of curvature is between about 10 mm to about 19 mm.

Claim 60 (new): The nipple of claim 57, wherein said areola region is defined by an upper annular end and a lower annular edge, said upper annular end being substantially smooth, said lower annular edge being sharp.

Claim 61 (new): The nipple of claim 60, wherein said areola region and said bulbous region have only one edge which is said lower annular edge.

Claim 62 (new): The nipple of claim 57, wherein said proximal end of said stem has opposing sides with inwardly concave shapes when viewed in a front view.

Claim 63 (new): The nipple of claim 57, further comprising a flange extending outwardly from said bulbous region, said flange having an annular channel formed therein.

Claim 64 (new): The nipple of claim 57, wherein said stem has a length of about 16 mm to about 26 mm.